

PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE FAIRFAX CONNECTOR ROUTE 504
AND
REVISE FAIRFAX CONNECTOR ROUTE 574

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is proposing that Fairfax Connector Route 504 be discontinued. FCDOT is also proposing that the routing and schedule of Fairfax Connector Route 574 be revised to partially mitigate the effects of eliminating Route 504.

FCDOT's ability to improve service on any of the 32 Fairfax Connector routes serving the Dulles Corridor is constrained because 1) it does not have surplus buses to add to any of the routes, 2) it does not have space to house and maintain additional buses even if they were available, and 3) it does not have added funds to subsidize any additional operating and maintenance costs. Therefore the resources needed to increase service on any route would have to come from reducing service on another route or routes.

Currently six routes are and have been consistently carrying heavy passenger loads. Four of the six routes often carry standing passenger loads, three being over long distances. Of these, Route 989 is most in need of being improved because it carries standing passenger loads on several trips every day. Additionally, it cannot maintain its schedule due to congestion it encounters on the Dulles Toll and Airport Access Roads, the Connector Road and I-66 as it travels between the Reston East Park-and-Ride and Pentagon/Crystal City area. Discontinuing Route 504 will provide the resources needed to improve Route 989 as well as address some other service needs.

Route 504 operates between Reston Town Center and the Tysons West*Park Transit Station via the Dulles Toll and Airport Access Roads. It was chosen for discontinuation because it is one of the two poorest performing Dulles Corridor routes and because Route 574, with enhancements, and other routes provide alternatives for traveling between Reston and Tysons Corner as shown on Attachment A. Comparing Route 504's performance to that of the six routes warranting improvement illustrates why Route 504 should be discontinued.

Average Weekday Performance Indicators

Route	Passenger Trips	Percent of Dulles Corridor Passenger Trips	Passengers per Trip	Percent of Dulles Corridor Revenue Hours Supplied
504	115	0.68	2.3	3.9
551	792	4.7	26.4	3.4
623	373	2.2	26.7	1.5
950	3,067	18.04	38.3	11.0
980	2,608	15.3	35.7	4.9
989	523	3.1	37.3	2.1
RIBS 2	808	4.8	23.8	5.1

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The resources freed up from discontinuing Route 504 are sufficient to also improve Route 574, which provides an alternative to Route 504 for traveling between Reston and Tysons Corner. FCDOT is proposing that Route 574 be improved by adding 4 westbound and 2 eastbound trips to the weekday schedule and adding weekend service similar to that provided by Route 504 to the route. These improvements, if adopted, will partially mitigate the effects of discontinuing Route 504.

FCDOT also proposes that the Route 574 routing within Reston be modified in order to provide two-way service on the southern section of North Shore Drive which currently only has one-way service provided by RIBS 4. This requires dropping the Route 574 service on Bowman Towne Drive and the Hospital which duplicates the routings and higher levels of service provided by RIBS 1 and 3. Attachment B shows the proposed 574 routing.

FCDOT welcomes comments from the public and other interested parties on this proposal. Comments will be received until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2006. Comments may be submitted at a public meeting to be held on the proposal, by regular mail or by e-mail as indicated below. Parties potentially affected by this proposal are encouraged to attend and submit any comments at the public meeting which is scheduled as follows.

DATE: Tuesday, July 11, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Reston Regional Library
Community Room 2
11925 Bowman Towne Drive
Reston, VA 20190

(The Reston Regional Library is served by the FAIRFAX CONNECTOR 574 and RIBS 1 and 3 routes.)

To submit comments by regular mail, address them to:
Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Attn: Route 504 Proposal
Suite 1034
12055 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22305

To submit comments by e-mail, use the Email Us link at:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/contact.htm>

For questions or clarifications; contact Jim Carrell, Senior Transportation Planner, at 703-324-1175.



ATTACHMENT A
SERVICE OPTIONS TO ROUTE 504

The following services are options to Route 504 for traveling to Tysons Corner.

From Reston Town Center

- 1) Take Route 505 to the West Falls Church-VT/UVA Metrorail Station and transfer to:
 - ◇ Fairfax Connector Route 425 or 427 to access the Tysons West*Park Transit Station and other destinations within Tysons Corner north of Tysons II.
 - ◇ Metrobus 3T, 28A, 28B or 28T to access Tysons I, Old Courthouse Road, Westwood and other destinations within Tysons Corner
- 2) Take Fairfax Connector Route 574 to:
 - ◇ destinations it serves in Tysons Corner
 - ◇ the Tysons West*Park Transit Station and transfer to Fairfax Connector Route 425 or 427 or Metrobus 2T, 3T, 5A, 5B, 23A, 24T, or 28T to access other destinations within Tysons Corner

From the Reston East Park-and-Ride

Take Fairfax Connector Route 505, 551, 552, 554 or 557 to West Falls Church-VT/UVA Metrorail Station and transfer to:

- ◇ Fairfax Connector Route 425 or 427 to access the Tysons West*Park Transit Station and other destinations within Tysons Corner north of Tysons II
- ◇ Metrobus 3T, 28A, 28B or 28T to access Tysons I, Old Courthouse Road, Westwood and other destinations within Tysons Corner

From Other Parts of Reston and Herndon

Take any Fairfax Connector Route going to the West Falls Church-VT/UVA Metrorail Station and transfer to:

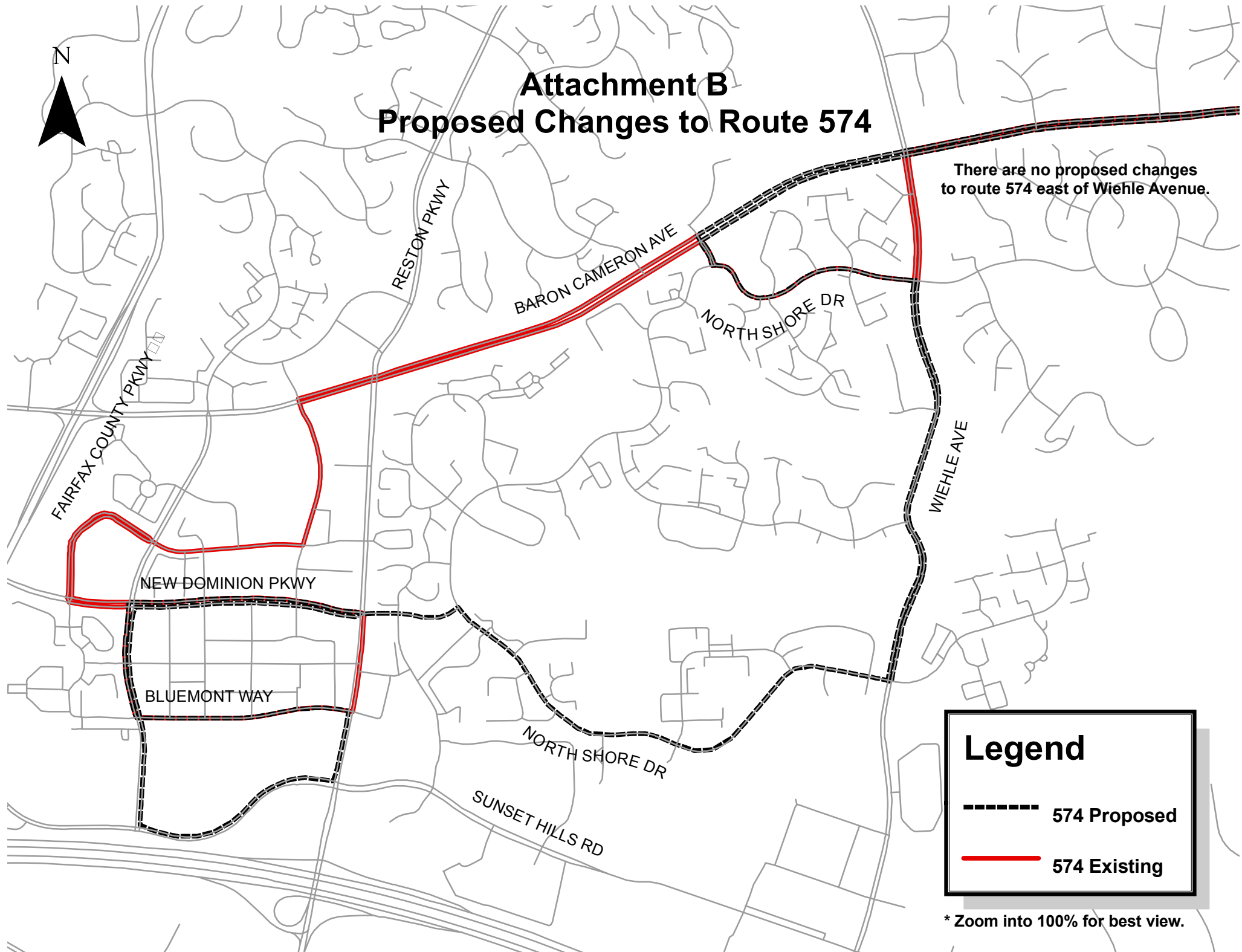
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Attachment B

Proposed Changes to Route 574



There are no proposed changes to route 574 east of Wiehle Avenue.



Legend

----- 574 Proposed

———— 574 Existing

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